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1. The current aim of the Cominform in Yugoslavia is to intensify the regime's food and textile crisis by means of various types of sabotage. Reportedly, the sabotage materiel arrives in Belgrade via diplomatic pouches and is then dispatched to various sections of Yugoslavia. The Cominform agents have received special orders to set fire to the wheat fields in the Vojvodina, Banat and the Backa areas. For this purpose envelopes (six by four inches), which will contain an inflammable chemical substance, are now being made. The envelopes ignite several hours after being placed in the fields.
2. Another Cominform scheme calls for placing anti-tank mines in the wheat fields to destroy reaping machines and to demoralize farmers and workers. The search for such mines would be dangerous.
3. At threshing time sabotage will be effected by mixing diseased bacteria from a variety of molds with the wheat. This method has allegedly been successful in the destruction of wheat seed.*
4. The crop sabotage could be accomplished with little danger to the Cominform agents who could blame the farmer and accuse him of being a Cominformist who has destroyed his own crop. In addition, the spread of the sabotage news among the undernourished people of Yugoslavia would have a great psychological effect and would tend to incite fear. The ultimate result would be confusion which is the principal weapon of the Cominform.
5. The Yugoslav regime could not effectively offset such Cominform activity because public announcements of such incidents would increase the panic among the populace and assist the Cominform. For this reason the trials of saboteurs are kept secret.
6. There is a rumor to the effect that the Tito regime is attempting to carry out similar methods in Hungary and Rumania as a countermeasure against the Cominform, and that this attempt is currently the subject of notes of protest between Yugoslavia and the latter two governments.

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